

Dear Thomas,

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Thank you for your request. Enclosed a number of copies of List #18 released between Christmas and New Year's. I guess I'm the world expert on water transportation notes - 17 years collecting and 4th year as a dealer. It is fulfilling and fun. The number of collectors and number of notes available are far fewer than stamps, coins or baseball cards. Limited supply and less demand. U.S. notes and Notgeld I am not into at the present time. I am well known as my domestic/international business is about 50/50. My Dad, since passed away at 79, was a Naval Reserve Commander of 3 separate security units around the Pluda area. He was also in charge of the plastics section of the Air Material Testing Laboratory at the Pluda Naval Base. Before he worked for Panama Canal Co. and did extensive testing of Kapok life jackets. My wife is Canadian. Her father was a lobster fisherman in Newfoundland. My soon to be 10 year old daughter collects cheap canceled water transport. Stamps from around

the world.

References from your home town would include Ruth Will a terrific knowledgeable fellow boat collector and Gene Hessler. Gene gave me an unsolicited and much appreciated write-up in Coin World regarding my ship/boat specialty ^{and lists}. I am a regular advertiser in Numismatic News and my ad appears top of page 173 in the IBNS directory. I am known to all major bank note dealers around the world. Also belong to LANSNA (^{Latin American} Note Society).

Am working on LIST #19 now - if you would like copies of that one, I will send the same way.

Thanks for your interest

Sincerely,

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"P.S. It is a wonderful and fairly clean 'unknown' little hobby - a lot of nice people involved.